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NATIONAL GUARD SHORTAGE DUE TO JIMMY LAW MAKERS

Had Republican Legislature Granted Funds As Requested New Mexico Would Have Full Quota Of Men

Santa Fe.—"Had the last Republican legislature granted our request for funds for the National Guard, and for the enactment of a military code, the call of the President would have found us with an adequate force, physically fit, and the state would have been spared its present humiliation."

This declaration, made by Adjutant General H. T. Herring in Santa Fe a few days ago, explains in a few words why New Mexico is now short the required number of men for military service on the border; why the governor and the adjutant general have been compelled to appeal to the people to uphold the honor and the dignity of the state and why officers of the Guard are now scouring the various districts in search of 300 recruits. At the same time it places the responsibility for the present situation where it belongs—on the shoulders of the blindly partisan Republican politicians, whose slogan, ever since they were repudiated by the people in the first state election, has been, "Keep every dollar possible out of the hands of the Democratic governor, regardless of results."

"We ask the legislature," continued Adjutant General Herring, "to appropriate \$30,000 for the National Guard, to the end that encampments might be held, rifle practice indulged in and shooting contests arranged and other measures carried out that would add to the attractiveness, and also to the efficiency of the state militia. We were given \$16,500, or only a little more than half of the amount requested, which represented a very conservative estimate of the Guard's needs. An urgent request for a military code enactment, requiring a thorough physical examination, which would have meant troops physically fit for military service, was turned down with little or no consideration. The intention to let the Guard struggle along as best it might was plainly shown."

In ignoring the matter of state preparedness, the last Republican legislature followed the example of the first state legislature, likewise dominated by the Republican machine leaders. Due to meanness then existing, that body was asked to make an appropriation that would enable the state to take measures for its protection in case of emergency. The bill carrying the appropriation was put through the house, but when it reached the Senate, two-thirds Republicans, its death was promptly decreed, and it was allowed to expire in committee, wholly because the bosses feared that the money would be used by the Democratic governor and his appointees in a manner reflecting credit on the Democratic administration.

The history of the country records no greater instances of peacetime partisanship. It presents no more striking illustrations of the unpatriotic in Republican party politics.

H. C. Bursum, defeated Republican candidate for governor in the first state election, who is again a candidate for his party's nomination and who is now actively campaigning, has suddenly manifested patriotic fervor, and has sent telegrams to various parts of the state urging that efforts be made to secure recruits for the National Guard. Bursum was the chief Republican whip at the last session of the legislature, and his patriotism at that time did not cause him to turn a hand or utter a word in support of the National Guard appropriation.

H. B. Holt, Dona Ana county governor, who has been echoing Senator Fall's blatant denunciations of the national administration, and who has been demanding "protection,"

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COUNTY AGENT LIKES SEDAN

First Community Visited Pleases Him With Evident Prosperity And Adaptation of Modern Methods

There is some fine land in the Sedan country, and the farmers are making the most of it."

Orren Beatty, Union County Agriculturist, after making a trip to Sedan in his new Ford, is enthusiastic over the prospect of his work in this county, and is particularly pleased with the country around Sedan and Stead. He was also complimentary toward the manner in which the land owners were using their land in that section.

Some of the Stead and Sedan farmers have their corn up in fine shape. Others are late in planting but the seeding will go forward with a rush and the late corn will mature nearly as early as that already planted. A considerable acreage of beans is being put in and others are contemplating the 'Frijoli' as a later crop.

The county Agriculturist is an energetic worker and seems fond of his work. He has not yet become fully acquainted with the resources of the county and until he does, is reticent about any suggestions for crop betterment.

His work in Oregon, and his general observation of farming conditions in the country at large, however, have led him to believe that a cover crop for the dry fall months is necessary for successful dry farming. While it is highly impractical, in most instances, for the dry farmer to try for two crops a year, as can the farmer of the more humid sections, or in the irrigated districts, there is but little excuse for uncovered ground during the moisture sucking months of the early fall. As a catch crop the county agent is partial to cow peas. He believes the cow pea better than the soy bean for several reasons which will probably be noted in forthcoming articles for the local press.

Mr. Beatty has established his office in one of the small rooms on the second floor of the court house and will be in his office Saturdays and Mondays of each week. His statement of his hours and plans appears in another column of this issue. The office equipment has not yet arrived from the State Agricultural College, but will in a very short time. The equipment at this time will be limited to office furniture of the sort generally used and will not include any scientific or laboratory equipment. Later, if it is necessary and advisable, some of the simpler apparatus may be installed. In the mean time any tests of soil or milk or other farm problems demanding laboratory work will be made by the College and the results forwarded to Mr. Beatty.

New Rural Route Proposed

A new rural route, carrying mail to Sampson, thence west to the Sand Gap country and then by a different road back to Greenville, a distance of some thirty five miles, is proposed and may be started in the very near future, according to W. T. Oldham, who was in Clayton the latter part of the week. Oldham is the carrier on the star route between Greenville and Thomas, and is decidedly interested in the proposed new rural delivery.

The proposed route is to take the place of the star route formerly connecting the Greenville and Sampson offices, which was discontinued several weeks ago, and will prove of more service to the residents of that section than the star route. An inspector has been over the proposed route, recently, and it is believed, will report favorably.

Has Not Accepted Nomination

Judge O. T. Toombs is attending the Republican National Convention. It was rumored, Friday, that the Judge had not, up to that time accepted the nomination as vice-President.

CLAYTON P. O. CHANGES CLASS JULY FIRST

Heavy Receipts Call For Raise In Classification

The Clayton postoffice will become an office of the second class on the first day of next month. The office is now one of the third class but the receipts having reached the required amount the change in classification is deemed advisable by the postal authorities.

The change from a third to a second class office is effected when the net receipts of the office become more than eight thousand dollars a year. The local office exceeded that amount during the fiscal year just closed.

Clayton is probably the smallest town in the United States to be accredited a second class postoffice. The immense volume of business is drawn from the thirty one smaller offices, in a territory of approximately a thousand square miles, which are all supplied by the local office, as well as some twelve star and rural routes that emanate from this office and deliver mail to farmers in Union County and western Oklahoma.

With the change in classification there will be a change in the working hours of the employees. Mrs. Pace will be entitled to two clerks both under civil service and working only eight hours. The General Delivery window will remain closed all day Sunday and legal holidays, but the mail will be distributed twice daily every day in the year.

The re-classification of the office is perhaps the surest criterion to the prosperity of the people of this community.

I. O. O. F. WILL HONOR DEAD

Clayton Lodge Will Hold Memorial Services At M. E. Church And Decorate Graves

Clayton Lodge, I. O. O. F., will hold its annual memorial service at the Methodist church, Sunday morning at ten o'clock.

Members of the lodge will meet at the hall, don their regalia and march to the church. The reverend Markham, of Thomas, an Oddfellow of long standing, will deliver the memorial address.

At two o'clock in the afternoon the members will again assemble at the hall and from there go to the cemetery in a body. The graves of departed members will be decorated in commemoration of the friendship love and truth those gone before showed during their days on earth.

The only member of the local order buried here is the late H. M. Hight, who died about a year ago. Members of the order, but of other lodges, whose graves will be decorated are A. L. Polson, Mr. Leggett, and Mr. Kelly, and a sister, Mrs. Sol Hamm.

Memorial Sunday is an annual commemoration day with the Oddfellows and will be celebrated Sunday by all the lodges in the United States.

"BUG SPECIAL" ASSURED

Necessary Number of Fans Sign For Tickets To Insure Special To Trinidad Tomorrow.

The "Bug Special" will carry every base ball bug in Clayton and the surrounding country to Trinidad tomorrow. The special will leave the depot promptly at seven (7) o'clock. Returning the special will leave Trinidad at eight o'clock p. m. and arrive here about one o'clock a. m.

Manager George secured the necessary signatures to insure the special, late Wednesday evening, and while only one hundred have signed to go there will be, in all probability, 200 fans take advantage of the excursion rate.

TEST WELL BEING DUG

Prospecting For New City Water Supply Is Under Way; Well To Be Finished Thursday

Work of sinking the test well on the land of Henry Hann, west of the town, and upon which the city has secured a two thousand dollar option should a sufficient flow be developed, was started Tuesday and well has been put down some twelve of the twenty six feet proposed.

Engineer C. L. Lomax, of Denver, is in charge of the work and will remain actively on the job until the well has been finished and the meter tests completed.

There is supposed to be an underflow, in the draw in which the land is located, of volume great enough to supply the town with water for many years to come. If such is the case the water supply problem of Clayton is solved.

The test well, which is five by eight feet, will be sunk to the required depth, twenty six feet, and by means of a pump an accurate water meter the exact volume of the underflow will be ascertained.

Should the underflow prove of sufficient volume, Lomax, and his chief, H. O. Duer, also of Denver, and employed as consulting engineer by the city, will plan means of raising the water to the surface and to the city stand-pipe.

Two methods of raising the underflow and collecting it in sufficient volume to supply pumps of the necessary capacity have been suggested. The adoption of the one or the other depends upon the volume of flow encountered and the money available for the purpose.

Should the underflow be a large one and of some definite permanency method of collecting the water will be to sink several large pit-wells, forty to fifty feet in diameter to the required depth, and connect them in such a manner that the suction pipe or intake to the pump will drain all. This would prove by far the most practical and the least expensive of the two.

However, should the flow prove small and inconstant, or intermittent, and the source still be desired, the only feasible method, and one that would entail a large expenditure would be to raise the sheet of water to the surface and form a reservoir of immense capacity by means of an impregnable stopping, or dam. This would be accomplished by excavating a trench several hundred yards in length to a sufficient depth to reach the bed-rock, or hardpan which underlays the flow. Using the hardpan, it is hardly probable that a bed-rock will be found, as a foundation a concrete wall will be erected of sufficient length and height to impound the toll flow. The water, striking the impervious stopping will raise to the height of its source, and collect in the reservoir thus formed. By this means even a very small flow can be so effectively impounded that it might be sufficient for the purpose.

The latter method is expensive, however, and while it is the system used in some of the largest city and individual water supply plants in the world, its construction calls for the minutest care and precision. There is usually a doubt as to the firm bedding of the stopping in the hard pan and should a leakage develop after the work is completed it would render the system useless and make a total waste of the money expended in its construction.

Commissioners in Session

The County Commissioners are in session this week, sitting as a board of equalization. There are but a few matters to be adjusted this year compared with the adjustments necessary in former years.

Tixer Remodeling House

Workmen are busy this week remodeling the residence of M. G. Tixer, to which several rooms will be added, as well as a second story. The exterior work is nearly finished.

JOHN JAMES BROPHY, PIONEER CALLED TO LAST REWARD

Greatly Respected Public Official And Four-square Citizen Dies After Lingering Illness.

John James Brophy, pioneer resident of Union County and one of her foremost citizens died Sunday morning at three thirty five a. m., after a lingering illness of many months.

Death was directly due to pneumonia poisoning, but grief over the death of a son some months ago had weakened a naturally rugged constitution to a point where resistance was almost beyond trying.

Requiem Mass was held at the Catholic Church at nine o'clock the morning following his death, June fifth, and the funeral services were held from the church the same afternoon. The Rev. Father Dumarest officiated at both services. The funeral was one of the most largely attended in the history of the town the host of friends and acquaintances of the deceased paying splendid tribute to man they had all loved and honored for his fearlessness and honor in all things, large and small.

The pallbearers were intimate friends of the deceased, being C. U. Bridges, A. C. Miera, J. M. Gonzales, Dick Carson, John Spring and Tom Gray. The casket was heaped with floral tributes. Interment was made in the Masonic cemetery.

John Brophy was fifty three years of age. He was born in Wisconsin on October 24, 1864. He left home at an early age and came to the west. Locating at Tascosa, Texas, he soon became noted for the sterling qualities which were his and was elected a peace officer in Texas during the day of the cattle thieves and when outlawry was at its height.

He moved to Union County about twenty years ago and shortly after establishing his residence here was awarded a place of public trust as a deputy sheriff. He was in the employ of the people during his whole life in this community, in one official position or another and he never betrayed the trust placed in him by his employers.

He is survived by a widow and a son, John, Jr., and a host of friends extend their sympathy to the bereaved wife and son in their hour of sorrow.

Slightly Injured In Runaway

A. H. Weakle was slightly injured Friday afternoon when he was caught under the wheels of a wagon in trying to stop a runaway team. The rear wheels of the wagon passed over both legs and it was thought for a while that he might have been injured internally. Examination by a physician, however, developed only a few painful bruises. The runaway was one of the teams belonging to the Hill brothers which dashed the full length of Main street and jeopardized the appearance of one or two Fords which had the temerity to be parked near the corner. The team ran itself out of breath and stopped a few miles this side of Kenton, it is said, without injury to themselves or the wagon.

Duran Leaves For Convention

National Delegate Juan Duran expects to leave on the noon train, Sunday, for the St. Louis convention where he will assist in nominating President Woodrow Wilson as a candidate to succeed himself as president. Mr. Duran is the first Union County man to be elected a national delegate from New Mexico and is deservedly proud of the honor bestowed upon him and on the county by the state convention.

Morris Herzstein will also attend the convention and he and Duran will make the trip to St. Louis together. After the convention Herzstein will go on to Philadelphia to visit relatives and to renew acquaintances of the days when the city of brotherly love was his postoffice address.